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LETTER DATED 29 DECEMBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TAJIKISTAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement issued by the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan on 21 December 1992 concerning violations of the State border of Tajikistan.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter and its annex as an official document of the United Nations Security Council.

(Signed) Lakim K. KAYUMOV
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Permanent Representative of
the Republic of Tajikistan
to the United Nations

Annex

STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan presents its compliments to the Government of the Islamic State of Afghanistan and informs it of the following:

According to information available to us, recently, large numbers of troops massed in the border areas of the Islamic State of Afghanistan have repeatedly violated the State border of the Republic of Tajikistan. These actions cannot fail to arouse the concern of the people and Government of the Republic of Tajikistan. Furthermore, it is regrettable that distorted reports on this subject are being disseminated by some of the world mass media; such reports are not serving the interests of either the Tajik or the Afghan side.

Bearing in mind the long-standing good-neighbourly, friendly and fraternal relations between the Republic of Tajikistan and the Islamic State of Afghanistan, the Government of Tajikistan expresses the hope that all necessary measures will be taken to prevent further violations of the Tajik-Afghan border.

The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan is convinced that the Islamic State of Afghanistan will take the necessary steps to provide shelter for the refugees from Tajikistan who are temporarily there and to ensure their safety and speedy repatriation.

Should interference in the internal affairs of Tajikistan and violations of the border of the Republic on the part of armed groups based in the territory of the Islamic State of Afghanistan continue, the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan will be forced to turn to the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States, which have recognized the border of Tajikistan as a common border of the Commonwealth, for assistance in protecting its security on the basis of the Agreement on the collective defence of the CIS countries.

The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan expresses its conviction that a mutually acceptable solution will be found to all the above-mentioned questions and that they will not have an adverse effect on the friendly relations between the sides.

21 December 1992
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